

Meeting Notes

MOUNTAIN BIKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MBAC)

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

6:00 – 8:00 PM

online, via zoom

PRESENT:

T. Archer, D. Cammiade, I. Charles, T. Fenwick, D. Leong, H. Prince, A. Soraya, B. von Sacken, J. Ellis (Consultant and Chair), C. Plant (ex officio & CRD Board Chair), E. Sterling (Recorder)

STAFF:

T. Moss, Manager, Visitor Services & Community Engagement; B. Wyman, Recreation Program Coordinator

GUESTS:

None

REGRETS:

H. Rose

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda:

Agenda for the December 2, 2020 Mountain Bike Advisory Committee meeting.

**MOVED by J. Ellis, SECONDED by C. Plant
That the agenda be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes:

Minutes for the November 18, 2020 Mountain Bike Advisory Committee meeting.
One amendment was noted: the recorder was E. Sterling and not L. Ramsay

**MOVED by H. Prince, SECONDED by T. Archer
That the minutes be approved as amended.**

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks:

Chair Ellis congratulated the committee on their excellent work and exceptional collaboration and noted that its been a pleasure to work with the committee. The chair noted that the committee was providing very solid recommendations. Committee members responded with thanks for Chair Ellis' facilitation skills, and gave thanks to each other for all the effort and care that went into the committee's work.

5. Committee Business

Meeting # 5 (Nov. 18, 2020) minutes are now posted to the CRD MBAC website.

6. MBAC Advice & Guidance

MOVED by B. von Sacken, SECONDED by T. Fenwick

That the committee endorse the report: Mountain Bike Guidelines: Advice & Guidance, and recommend it be forwarded to CRD Regional Parks staff.

6.1 Editorial Changes

D. Leong and T. Fenwick provided grammatical edits to Chair Ellis. The committee agreed that Chair Ellis should proceed with implementing those changes and that the committee did not need to review them as there were no substantive changes to the text.

6.2 Items for Discussion

D. Cammiade sent an email to Chair Ellis with proposed edits he had discussed with and agreed upon with H. Rose, A. Soraya, and H. Prince:

- p. 21 Map – There was discussion about the asterisks and whether the map added value, needed a key, etc. It was decided to remove the asterisks to not reference the bike parks.
ACTION: B. Wyman to lead the edits to the map.
- A. Soraya asked that the “What is Mountain Biking” section include reference to mountain-bike-rated trails to help readers understand the map. Chair Ellis to ensure the content supports the map.
- p. 23 It was decided to remove “in recent years”
- p. 28 It was suggested that the heading for Table 2 replace “example” with “recommended.” Discussion ensued and the committee agreed to retain the current wording.
- p. 30 It was decided to add “Improved environmental integrity” to the list of benefits of a consistent service delivery model.

Andrew Pape-Salmon, alternate committee member for D. Cammiade, submitted suggestions via D. Cammiade.

- p.16 It was agreed that NGO capacity should be added to “trail development capacity”
- p.20 It was suggested to define what green, blue, black, and double black meant for the layperson. The committee agreed to include a new appendix describing the characteristics of each difficulty rating.

6.3 Images

- T. Fenwick asked that some images be replaced to highlight target markets: youth, families, etc. Chair Ellis noted the need for high resolution images. A. Soraya and H. Prince offered to send images.

ACTION: H. Prince & A. Soraya to provide Chair Ellis with high resolution images.

6.4 Final Comments

- p. 23 H. Prince & C. Plant asked that the second point on left comment be reworded: “the unsanctioned trails that have been built may not align with the most demanded experiences.”
- Table 1: It was decided to remove the row with Mt. Work on it

The motion was brought back up for a vote:

MOVED by B. von Sacken, SECONDED by T. Fenwick

That the committee endorse the report: Mountain Bike Guidelines: Advice & Guidance, and recommend it be forwarded to CRD Regional Parks staff.

CARRIED

6.5 Confidentiality

Chair Ellis reminded members of the confidentiality of the report. Unless advised otherwise, the report will remain confidential until it is tabled with the Regional Parks committee along with the draft guidelines from staff.

6.6 Draft Guideline Timelines

Staff were asked for an expected date that the first draft of recommendations would be ready. B. Wyman responded that the plan is to have a draft to the MBAC by mid- to end of January, so that the committee can review it before their next meeting in February.

7. Next Meeting

The next MBAC meeting will be in February 2021, to review and generate input on staff recommendations.

8. Adjournment

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm by C. Plant; seconded by T. Archer.

CARRIED